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foreign language documents, Applicant submits herewith a copy of a machine translation of JP

2003-034063, and a copy of an English-language Abstract of JP 2003-145851, which

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